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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Mail Stop **AMENDMENT**  
Fuminori SATO et al. : **Confirmation No. 9756**  
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HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS, : Examiner David Lukton  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 35 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 29, 2004, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.